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MESSAGE FROM HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI REGENT.

The President then read the following message, the whole House standing:

"*Members of the Legislative Council,*

"I send you my cordial greetings on the first meeting of the new Council. It is most unfortunate that my venerable uncle His Highness the late lamented Maharaja, to whose liberal outlook the Regulation II of 1097 owes its being, could not live to see the reformed Council developing, with succeeding years, in increasing usefulness to the country; but it is, however, gratifying to see that His Highness lived long enough to have satisfied himself that the momentous measure

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was fully justifying his hopes. The late reign has witnessed many reforms; but none surpasses, in boldness of conception, breadth of vision and statesmanship, the provisions of this Regulation which is a living monument of His Highness' selfless devotion to the best interests of the country. I have watched with great pleasure the keen interest displayed by the people in the working of the Council and trust that you will continue to be a source of strength and help to my Government. With my heartfelt good wishes, I now leave you to your deliberations."

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): Sir, on behalf of the members of this Council, I beg you to convey our feelings of loyalty and devotion to His Highness the Maha Raja and to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent, and our respectful thanks to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent for the gracious and inspiring message just now delivered through you. Let me assure the Government, on behalf of this Council, that our deliberations and discussions here will always be calculated to strengthen and help the Government in all matters that may come up before this House. The Government have recognised the principle of associating the people with the administration, and the foundation has been well and truly laid in that direction by Regulation II of 1097. We fervently hope that, ere long, on that solid foundation, will rise a structure, high in the conception of the people's rights, strong in the determination to give effect to such conception and luminous enough for even a distant mariner to read on it the inscription of a good Government responsible to the people.

Let me in conclusion congratulate you, Sir, on your appointment by Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent as the Dewan of this State and therefore *ex officio* President of this Council. We fully trust that, during your tenure of office as President, the rights, privileges and conventions of this House will be well maintained, safeguarded and enlarged. (*Cheers.*)

PRESIDENT: The sentiments of loyalty expressed by the Council shall be conveyed to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent, and I thank you for your remarks concerning myself.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Regulation, I beg to place on

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